



CARMEL OBSERVER

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Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

We would like to thank all of the neighborhood coordinators for organizing your neighborhood National Night Out parties. We had thirteen neighborhoods that held get togethers this year. Your block parties were great and everyone had a nice time visiting with all of you. Once again, thank you for your part in making National Night Out 2006 a huge success.

School Zone Speeds

School will be resuming and we would like to remind motorists that the speed limit in school zones is 25mph, effective on school days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Indiana's Graduated Driver's Licensing Law

Indiana's Graduated Driver's Licensing Law (Senate Enrolled Act 16) was effective January 1, 1999. The law is designed to provide young drivers with a slow, steady introduction to driving and to help develop safe driving habits. The provisions of the law are as follows:

- Drivers under 18 may not operate a motor vehicle during existing Indiana curfew hours (11 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday – Thursday nights; 1 a.m. – 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights). They may drive during these hours if they are driving to and from a legal job, school sponsored event, church activity or when driving with a parent or guardian.
- During the first 90 days after getting their license, drivers under 18 can't transport other people in the car unless someone at least 21 years old, who holds a valid driver's license, is riding in the passenger seat. Young drivers may drive

unaccompanied as long as they do not carry passengers during the first 90 days.

- All passengers must wear a seat belt if riding with a driver under age 18.

This is WHY there's a law...

Sources: Indiana State Police, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, National Association of Independent Insurers

Automobile crashes are the number one killer of teen-agers.

Indiana teen-age drivers make up only 6.1 percent of Indiana's licensed drivers but account for 14.3 percent of total drivers in crashes.

Teen-age motor vehicle crash fatalities in Indiana are well above the national average – 18.4 in Indiana vs. 11.8 for the U.S. average.

43 percent of teen-age fatal crashes occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Common Sense Tips for Teens

- Wear your seatbelt – It's the law
- Slow down
- Never drink and drive
- Don't drive when you're tired
- Don't take a chance – Drive Smart

Reminder

Please call if you or anyone within your Crime Watch area would have information pertaining to the listed crimes on the criminal activity report. We will pass this information on to the appropriate investigator.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,
Please give us a call.*

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